

Letter from Eliza Symonds Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, January 27, 1877, with transcript

Home, Saturday, Jan. 27th, 77. (No envelope) My dear Aleck,

Papa has left me room for a few lines, just to acknowledge yours of the 23rd. I am thankful, as we all are, that your foot is getting better. We only fear you may try it too much. We have had two or three scraps of letters from you this week, all of which have been duly answered. There was nothing particularly the matter with Lillie, but your Aunt has been in bed for two days. She has suffered from indigestion for several weeks past. Papa's cold is quite well. We received the papers containing notices of your late experiment, and also the proofs forwarded by Mabel. As I have already acknowledged both these, I cannot help thinking some letters must have been lost. I have sent three or four to Exeter Place with Globes, while you were in Washington, and two letters to the Riggs House there. I hope to be able to write to Mabel tomorrow, but for some days past, have had an impediment to the use of my forefinger, by one of the old frost cracks at the corner of the nail, the first I have had in Canada.

It is getting better now and I hope to be able to move my pen freely tomorrow. The success of your experiments is most gratifying, and we are very anxious to see them remunerative. I feel sorry now that I have spent the greater part of your Uncle Edward's present to me, as it would have helped you over your difficulties.

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Take care of little expenses, particularly unnecessary ones. You know the old proverb "Take care of the pence and the pounds will take care of themselves". I am very desirous of knowing certainly if English papers will pass the Port to America from Canada. Two have been sent to you. An Illustrated paper some time ago, and lately a "Times", did you get them? We missed last Saturday's Globe, but that for today will be sent. I am just going

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in now to see how your Aunt is, so good bye and God bless you. Love to you and Mabel,
from,

Your affectionate Mother, E. G. Bell.